

Lakeville, Ind.

The brethren and sisters of this community will hold their annual harvest meeting August 26th in the Longaker Grove, two miles northwest of Lapaz. Preaching in the forenoon by Rev. W. W. Summers. Exercises in the afternoon by the young people of the Brethren church. Everybody invited to meet with us on condition that they leave their stiff, formal manners at home and come prepared to shake hands with everybody and have a good social time. When we meet beneath God's own blue sky, amidst the beautiful works of nature and breathe the pure, fresh air, free as the Living Water and the Blessing of Heaven, let us then also feel free. A smile, a friendly word, a clasp of the hand may do much toward bringing a soul to Christ. And what does that mean? Come and help us make the meeting a success.

EMMA V. HOUSER.

Harvest Meeting

To the brethren of Elkhart Co.:—Come to the Union Harvest meeting. Come, leave all your cares at home. Come with well filled lunch baskets. Come prepared to give a silver offering. We are going to turn the offering all over to the "State Mission Board." Brother Rensch will preach at 11 A. M., and we expect Brother Ditch and others to speak in the afternoon. Let us make this a day long to be remembered by the brethren. The churches that use "Pentecostal Hymns" bring them with you. Place is Island Park, Elkhart, Ind. Date, Friday, August 24, 1900.

A. R. BEMENDERFER.

Ridgely, Md.

Perhaps a few lines from this part of the Lord's vineyard would be interesting to the many readers of the EVANGELIST. The Ridgely brethren have a very neat commodious house to worship in. The next thing I think is necessary for a practical minister to locate. I was permitted to hear Brother Hartman from Philadelphia expound the word (a grand sermon). Let me tell you if there is a good shepherd no fear of the sheep. You never see fine sheep where there is a poor shepherd. The conservative brethren are holding tent meeting at Denton. Brother Miller from Pa. is their speaker, a very fine speaker. I had the pleasure of getting acquainted with a dear sister from Philadelphia. How sweet it is to meet with those who love the Lord. Have been talking college, don't know if I will make a success or not, one thing, I am going to try very hard. If nothing happens I will be with Ashland brethren by the 8th of Sept.

M. A. M. RITTENHOUSE

A Wedding Anniversary

From The Wooster Republican.

Entries of many gay and successful social events illuminate the pages of THE REPUBLICAN, but none are brighter than the one given on the 7th inst., at the residence of Rev. P. J. Brown, in Congress, in honor of his tenth wedding anniversary. Rev. Brown is the popular and efficient pastor of the Brethren church at Fair Haven and in honor of his valuable services it was thought suitable to tender him and his excellent wife this reception, which was successfully executed in every particular and was one of the most brilliant receptions that the writer has attended for a long time. At an early hour the guests began to arrive and soon the parlors and lawn resounded with merriment and gaiety. All the rooms were thrown open to the merry company from turret to foundation stone, a merrier company never assembled in a social gathering for all seemed to enjoy themselves to the fullest extent. After a few hours were spent in social interchange and jolly repartee dinner was announced and the scene of action was at once changed to the dining room where were displayed heavily laden tables with all the luxuries of the season and beautifully ornamented with pyramids of cake which were decorated in a manner that would cause the heart of any confectioner to glow with enthusiasm. Positions of honor were assigned the clergy, the host and hostess, and the elder people while at the second, third and even the fourth table sat the lesser lights

who nevertheless did ample justice to the many good things.

After an hour or two had been spent at the banqueting table, where the rich menu of edibles had been served in the most approved style, the company repaired to the parlor where registering began until fifty names had been registered, being from Homer, West Salem, Rows, Lattasburg, Pleasant Home and Congress. Registering having ended, the company repaired to the front lawn where Rev. Henry Jacobs in behalf of the assemblage, made a few well chosen and appropriate remarks. He said the day had been spent very pleasantly in social intercourse and acquaintanceship, that this acquaintanceship ripened into friendship and friendship ripened into love, that the greatest friendship and greatest love was Christian friendship and Christian love. He spoke of the valuable services rendered to the church by Rev. Brown and how in time of trouble he had firmly stood by his convictions and closed by presenting him a purse containing about \$12. Rev. Brown in a very feeling manner thanked the audience for the gift and also for their presence on this occasion. He said the greater part of his life had been spent in the ministry yet he was ready at all times to give his aid to the church and that his services were at their command. After singing "God be with you till we meet again," Rev. Jacobs closed the reception with prayer and the company separated feeling that it had been a well spent day and wishing the venerable Rev. and his estimable wife the return of many such pleasant occasions. Refined sociability in all its parts, the youth and beauty of the ladies, the grace and gallantry of the gentlemen present were the noticeable features of the party much complimented by the older persons who enjoyed themselves immensely. Every one present expressed themselves as being highly delighted with the geniality and hospitality of Rev. and Mrs. Brown and they are to be congratulated on the splendid success of the reception.

Mulvane, Kansas

The work at this place is moving along very nicely and the prospects for the advancement of our blessed Master's cause are brighter than they have been for some time. Our business meeting was held a short time ago and the out-look for a church building at this place in the near future is very favorable, and we are very sure it is needed. Our quarterly love feast was held at our home on the evening of August 9. Eleven communed. It was an enjoyable feast. One sister from Winfield, Kans. was present with us.

Our Sunday-school is on the increase. Two of the classes in the school make a special reading of the Bible; a report is taken each Sunday by the teachers and often several thousands of verses are read.

My husband, (the pastor at this place) spent a week and one day in the field visiting the brethren at Pretty Prairie and gave them one meeting, and from there to Seward, Kans., where a love feast and five meetings were held, and on the way home he called on brother J. W. Beer at Nickerson, Kans., and gave them one meeting, and from there home.

We are looking for the announcement of the time and place of our District Conference. Pray for us at this place that we may use all the means God has given us, for the advancement of his cause.

MRS. L. G. WOOD.

Cerro Gordo, Ill.

The Brethren church is moving along smoothly, altho there is much opposition. W. Miller preached two interesting and soul cheering sermons on the first and second of this month. Had good congregations, and the very best of order. The meetings are held in a school house. But it will not be many years until there will be a church house built here.

R. S. GROFF.

Harvest Meeting

The brethren of the La Paz, Ind., congregation will hold their Annual Harvest meeting in Longacres' grove the fourth Sunday in August. All are invited.

WM. W. SUMMERS

Educational

The student who merely skims fails to secure the real cream.

Thomas Arnold used to say to his student: "Young gentlemen, select the great authors. Truth lies with the great authors."

Many children grow up like plants under bell-glasses. They are surrounded only by artificial and prepared influences; they are house-bred, room bred, mother-bred—everything but self-bred. The object of training is to teach the child to take care of himself, but many parents use their children as a kind of spool on which to reel off their own experience, and they are bound and corded until they perish by inanity, or break all cords and rush to ruin by reaction.—H. W. B.

We hold that the true object of college education is to make men, to discipline and develop character. We have heard that the primary aim of missionary work is to make Christ known to the world; this is not a simple matter of preaching or of teaching the Scriptures, but most of all of personal influence. The missionary, whether he be a teacher or a preacher or a writer, must be full of the Spirit of Christ in his own life or he will never win men to the service of his Master.—Dr. George Washburn.

Culture and Conduct

Every educated man loves Greece, owes gratitude to Greece. Greece was the lifter-up to the nations of the banner of art and science. And the lifter-up of the banner of art and science was naturally much occupied with them, and conduct was a plain, homely matter. And this brilliant Greece perished for lack of attention to conduct; for want of conduct, steadiness, character. . . . Day, and the victorious revelation now, even now, in this age, when more of beauty, more of knowledge are so much needed, and knowledge at any rate is so highly esteemed—the revelation which rules the world even now is not Greece's revelation, but Judea's; not the pre-eminence of art and science, but the pre-eminence of righteousness.—Matthew Arnold.

In order to reform China the springs of character must be reached and purified, conscience must be practically enthroned, and no longer imprisoned in its own palace like the long line of Japanese Mikados. It is a truth well stated by one of the leading exponents of modern philosophy, 'that there is no alchemy by which to get golden conduct from leaden instincts.' What China needs is righteousness, and, in order to attain it, it is absolutely necessary that she have a knowledge of God and a new conception of man, as well as the relation of man to God. She needs a new life in every individual soul, in the family, and in society. The manifold needs of China, we find, then, to be a single imperative need. It will be met permanently, completely, only by Christian Civilization.—Dr. Arthur H. Smith.

From the Y. M. C. A. Employment Bureau under date of July 25

"According to the records of the employment department of the Young Men's Christian Association, the field for male stenographers is increasing. Several reasons for this are given. Many positions formerly held by girls are now being filled by men, to avoid frequent changes. Some are promoted. Nearly every office now has a typewriter as a part of its equipment, and the opening of a new office means the creation of a new stenographic position."

Ashland college will be well equipped to give complete courses in both shorthand and typewriting this fall, and we solicit the patronage of all who may wish to take up the study of the art. Remember we afford actual business practice, so that when you go for a position you can truly say that you have had experience in office routine.